

**Minutes**  
**Contra Costa Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee**  
**January 14, 2015**

Members Present: Jerry Casey, Public Works Facilities; Terry Davis, Public Member At-Large; Sonce Devries, Island Watch Conservation Science; Doug Freier, Public Member At-Large; Chad Godoy, Agriculture Department; Susan Heckly, County Fish and Wildlife Committee; Michael Kent, Health Services; Marj Leeds, Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board; Cece Sellgren (Chair), County Clean Water Program; Allison Knapp, Public Works; Cheng Liao, Public Member Alternate

(11 members present/8 voting members)

Members Absent: Carlos Agurto, Pestec; Patti TenBrook, Public Member At-Large

Staff Present: Jill Ray, Supervisor Andersen's office; Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator; Peter Gollinger, Public Works

Members of the Public: Robin Bedell-Waite, citizen; Shirley Shelangoski, Susan JunFish, and Michael Sullivan, Parents for a Safer Environment

1. Introductions

Sonce Devries, the new Environmental Organization member from Island Watch Conservation Science introduced herself.

2. Announcements

There were none.

3. Public comment on items not on the agenda

Susan JunFish of Parents for a Safer Environment read a statement. See attached.

4. Approve minutes from November 5, 2014

A motion was made and seconded (ML/SH) to accept the minutes as written.

The motion passed unanimously:

AYES: Davis, Freier, Heckly, Kent, Leeds, Sellgren, Liao

NOES: None

ABSENT: TenBrook

ABSTAIN: Devries (not a member at last meeting)

5. Review proposed IPM Advisory Committee priorities for 2015

The Committee Chair reviewed the priorities discussed at the November meeting.

Comments from the Committee included the following:

- Some of the priorities mentioned are items the Committee has already explored, discussed, and put to rest. The Committee should not go back and rehash old issues, for instance, the IPM ordinance. (DF)
- If issues straddle two different subcommittees, the Committee could chose a specific topic for each subcommittee.

6. Decide IPM Advisory Committee priorities for 2015

In discussion, members raised a number of points, including the following:

- Given how the County is managing pests currently, is there funding that could improve IPM implementation? With more money, could we do pest management differently? (MK)
- We should integrate pollinator protection into County landscape management. (SD)
- It's very important to design landscapes in a way that prevents pest problems and reduces maintenance time. (DF)

- The County should be pro-active in the design of new facilities and in the renovation of existing landscapes to prevent pests and reduce maintenance. The Committee can explore what other entities are doing in this regard. (SH)
- The County should be evaluating all available tools to determine if they are work and are cost effective. (TDavis)
- Decision documents could include a section on needs—what equipment, expertise, design, etc. could improve pest management. (DF)
- The decision documents could include a section on innovative management ideas. The Committee could look at innovation in general—keep tabs on new developments in pest management. (MK)
- If we lump both decision making and innovation into one subcommittee, that is a lot to work on. (DF)
- Pollinator protection is an innovation that could be explored first in an innovation subcommittee. (MK)
- Would like to explore the hot topics—weeds and rodents. (DF)

It was moved and seconded (SH/AK) to form 2 subcommittees, one to look at rodents and one to look at weeds.

AYES: Davis, Devries, Freier, Heckly, Leeds, Sellgren, Liao

NOES: Kent

ABSENT: TenBrook

ABSTAIN: None

7. Discuss subcommittee assignments

Members volunteered for each subcommittee:

Rodent subcommittee: Agurto, Casey, Davis, Devries, Godoy, Knapp, Leeds, Sellgren

Weed subcommittee: Godoy, [Freier](#), Heckly, Kent, Liao, Sellgren

8. Hear reports from the Agriculture and Public Works Departments

Because of lack of time, the Departments made very brief reports.

The IPM Coordinator reported for Pestec in the absence of Carlos Agurto:

- There have been problems with animal intrusions (mostly feral cats) into Head Start facilities.
- Pestec has created a new format for the report to the County on structural deficiencies, which includes photos of the problems.

Peter Gollinger reported for Public Works Maintenance:

- Crews are applying pre-emergent herbicides where needed along selected roadsides and flood control access roads. This will prevent more herbicide use later.
- Tree work constitutes a large component of the crews' time.

Jerry Casey reported on Public Works Facilities:

- Facilities has been dealing with flood issues.

Chad Godoy reported for the Agriculture Department:

- He is looking at reorganizing the work the Department is doing.
- He is looking at changing the way the Department reports pesticide use.

9. Plan agenda for next meeting—March 4, 2015

- Initial reports from subcommittees
- Report on goat grazing study
- The Chair and staff will decide on a presentation
- Discuss video taping/audio recording of meetings

Next Meetings: May 6, July 1, September 2, November 4

Respectfully submitted,  
Tanya Drlik, IPM Coordinator